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1. Japanese Patent Application No. 5-35682, published February 12, 1993.
2. Japanese Patent Application No. 5-83350, published April 2, 1993.
3. Japanese Patent Application No. 7-250135, published September 26, 1995.
4. Japanese Patent Application No. 8-65746, published March 8, 1996.
5. Japanese Patent Application No. 9-149105, published June 6, 1997.
6. Japanese Patent Application No. 8-255067, published October 1, 1996.
7. Japanese Patent Application No. 9-321839, published December 12, 1997.
8. Japanese Patent Application No. 10-23117, published January 23, 1998.

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9. Japanese Patent Application No. 10-97368, published April 14, 1998.

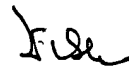
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